



# Naval Air Station Fallon Nevada Joint Military Affairs Committee Update

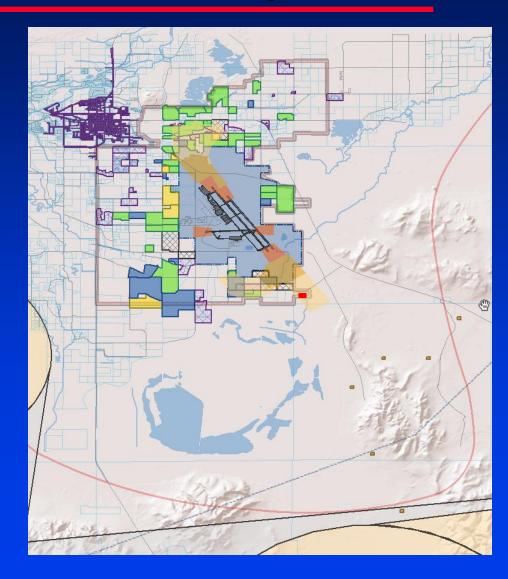
CAPT Rinehart Wilke Commanding Officer February 7, 2012



## NAS Fallon Cooperating Agency with BLM on Salt Wells Project



- EIS signed on 3 projects
  - NV Energy transmission
    - Awaiting plant construction
  - Ormat geothermal plant
    - Since withdrawn
  - Vulcan geothermal plants
- Up to four 30-60 MW plants





# Navy Geothermal Projects Office Fallon Range Training Complex

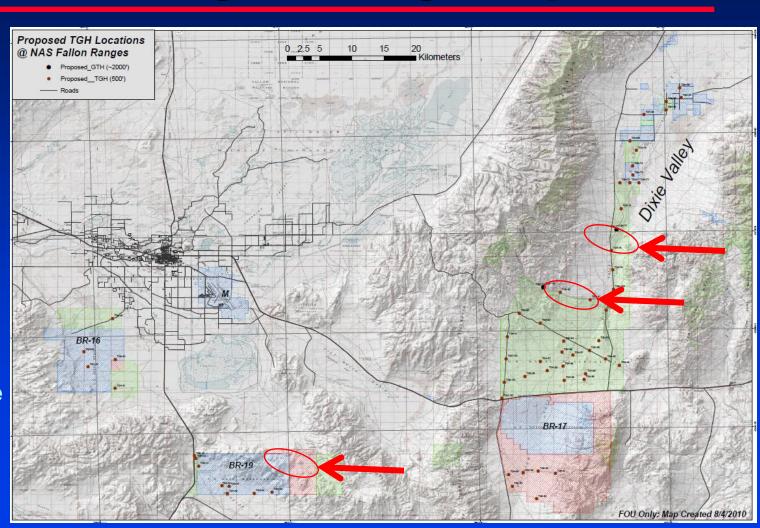


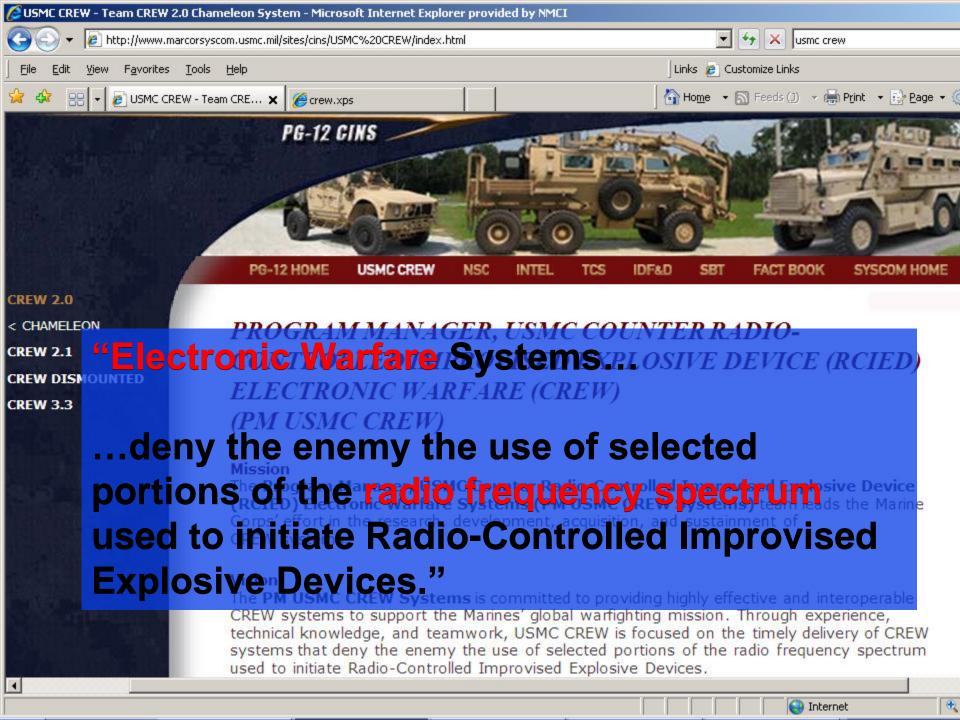
LiDAR 90% complete

Shallow Probe – 90%

Add'l TGH sites to be submitted by 2/8/12

Deep Test hole tentative start date 6/30/12







## **Total Allocated Spectrum**



#### **UNITED**

#### **STATES**

**FREQUENCY** 

**ALLOCATIONS** 

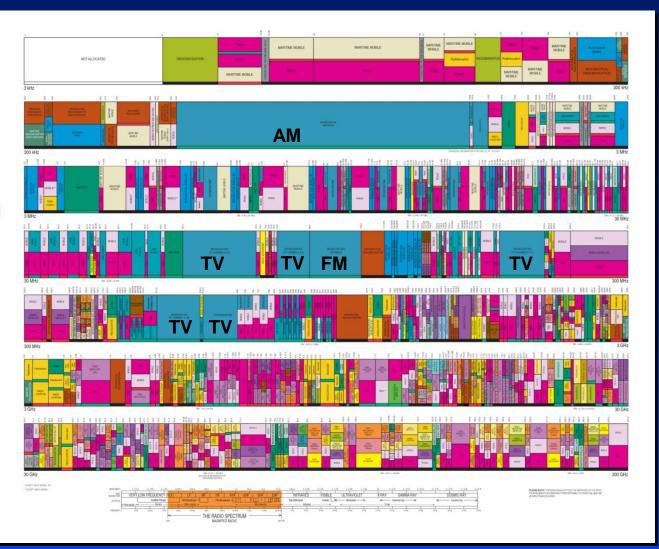
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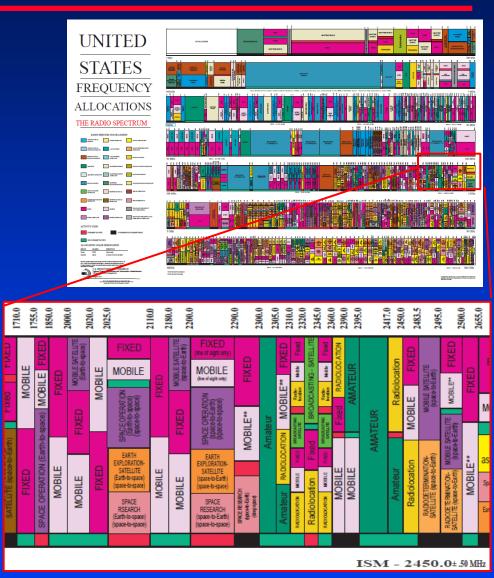




## Radio Frequency Spectrum



- Simultaneous users of the same radio frequency spectrum can interfere with each other
- So the US Government assigns allocates portions of the radio spectrum to different users so they do not interfere with each other

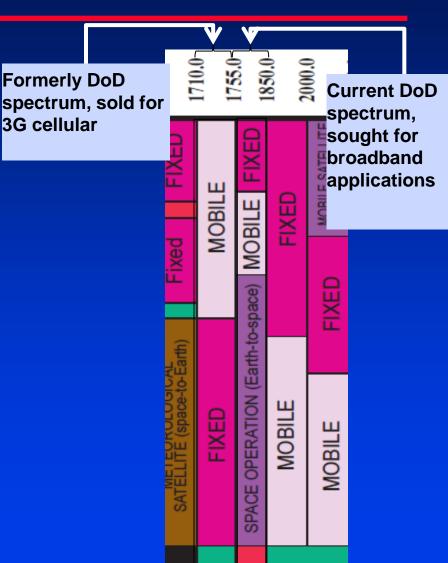




### Radio Spectrum and Broadband



- Within the US, ALL useful radio frequency spectrum is <u>already</u> <u>allocated</u>
- To increase broadband services by radio - wireless allocated spectrum will have to be taken from existing users
- Since the 1990s, the government has taken spectrum allocated to the DoD and sold it to commercial wireless vendors
- DoD spectrum generally is taken across the entire US and sold off across the entire US





## Radio Spectrum and EW



- When DoD radio spectrum is taken away, the DoD attempts to move its equipment to other radio bands, but it cannot move electronic warfare equipment
- Electronic warfare (EW) involves jamming or otherwise disrupting enemy use of the radio spectrum
- The part of the radio spectrum EW requires is determined by the enemy





## Sale of Radio Spectrum



 Serious implications for the Fallon Range Training Complex with the next likely sale of frequencies 1755-1850 MHz

- Loss of new Tactical Combat Training
   System
- Loss of top priority Opposing Force vs Electronic Attack system



## Radio Spectrum and EW



- Expansion of public/commercial broadband usage AND military training must co-exist.
- A reservation of spectrum frequency sell off needs to be considered for the largely unpopulated areas of the Fallon Range Training Complex, Nellis Range, and China Lake Range.
- Recommend full panel discussion at our next JMAC this summer.

